



California Water Plan Disadvantaged Community and Environmental Justice Caucus DRAFT GROUP CHARTER

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Group Charge:

The California Water Plan (CWP) Disadvantaged Community and Environmental Justice Community Caucus (DAC/EJ) is a statewide topic-based workgroup designed to support development of *CWP Update 2013* through in-depth discussions and deliberations of issues related to water use and availability. The DAC/EJ Caucus will help inform a larger dialogue about the unique issues the DAC's, EJ, underserved and severely underserved communities face problems related to access to clean safe water, water infrastructure, flooding, cost of water, water treatment and more.

The Caucus will help expand information associated with statewide and regional water planning topics from the perspective of DAC/EJ's, underserved and severely underserved communities and identify opportunities and challenges for implementing useful DAC/EJ water policies in California. One goal is for the expanded discussion to assist State, federal, Tribal, regional and local governments and agencies, and non-governmental organizations in considering new approaches and improved investment outcomes.

This Caucus will help develop a set of policy and invested related recommendations for *CWP Update 2013*. Building on *CWP Update 2009*, the DAC/EJ Caucus will provide informational updates to technical project teams, Public and Tribal Advisory Committees, the State Agency Steering Committee, Federal Agency Network, and Regional Forums.

Parameters:

- The Caucus will work within the context of Update 2009's Objective 13 and its 5 related actions (see pages 41-43 of the Implementation Plan) and the Water Plan's goals and guiding principles (see pages 12-14 of Chapter 2 Imperative to Act – Box 2-3)
- The Caucus will be closely coordinated with other Water Plan venues considering similar topics, including the Tribal Advisory Committee, the Water Quality Caucus, and the Regional Forums.

- Project deliverables for *CWP Update 2013* will be based on the best existing and available data, information, and analyses from state, regional and local public and private efforts and planning activities.

Activities:

Content for the DAC/EJ, underserved and severely underserved communities portion of *CWP Update 2013* will be informed by the Caucus and supported by Water Plan technical work teams, the Public and Tribal Advisory Committees, the State Agency Steering Committee, the Federal Agency Network, Regional Forum participants, and IRWM groups. In addition, the DAC/EJ Caucus will leverage efforts such as the One Water, One Watershed initiative. The table below outlines the scope of the DAC/EJ *CWP Update 2013* effort and the Caucus focus. The DAC/EJ Caucus compiles and develops content and provides input to the overall Water Plan document, reviews approach, and makes policy recommendations for discussion by other Water Plan venues.

Scope:

Deliverables	Caucus Focus
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Issue a, “Californians without Safe Water” report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide input on scope and the current status of safe water in California. As appropriate provide input on application and presentation of information and methodologies.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Support development of a DAC Handbook and Communications Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide input as appropriate on plan content and implementation.• Identify collaboration opportunities with other groups and agencies
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Identify key water related legislative and regulatory issues of particular relevance to DAC’s and identify options for how the Water Plan may address these issues.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide input specific topics for discussion, application and presentation of data, and methodologies.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Coordinate with the Regional Forums and other Water Plan bodies to improve the representation of DAC issues in those forums.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assist in coordination of these bodies to improve DAC representation in on-going dialogue.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review of Water Plan Finance Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assist in ensuring DAC topics are properly considered in plan development.

Deliverables	Caucus Focus
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Create-Compile a directory of DAC/EJ contacts by Region	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide primary content.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ID and review State Government Activities for providing Financial and Technical Assistance to DAC/EJ Communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Support development of a directory of State Agency Financial and Technical Assistance to DAC/EJ Communities• Develop suggestions and recommendations for improvements to existing State Agency DAC/EJ Financial and Technical Assistance programs
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Integrate work of the other Water Plan groups to include DAC/EJ considerations as part of their deliberations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Serve as strategic consultants and advisors

Schedule:

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| • Launch DAC/EJ Caucus | December 2011 |
| • Convene Caucus & Develop Caucus Work Plan | Jan. or Feb. 2012 |
| • Identify & network with relevant Water Plan Venues | Winter/Spring 2012 |
| • Develop draft recommendations for the CWP Update 2013
Public Review Draft | Spring 2013 |
| • Finalize recommendations for final CWP Update 2013 | Fall 2013 |

For More information about the Group Activities, please contact:

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Caucus Co-Leads

- ◆ Maria Elena Kennedy, Public Advisory Committee Representative
- ◆ *Invited* – Debbie Davis, Governor’s Office of Planning and Research
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